

Bitterroot Job Service Employers' Committee Meeting Minutes September 18, 2007

Present:

Cindy Beck, Albertson's
Becky Brough, Hamilton Schools
Patti Furniss, Bitterroot JSWC
Julie Foster, Ravalli County EDA
Linda Valentine, Human Resource Council
Pat Easley, Bitterroot Valley Chamber
Tracy Klapwyk, Red's Office Supply
Kathleen Cannon-Siegle, Bitterroot JSWC

Rebecca Johnson, Apex Human Resources
Mark Seitz, First Security Bank
Patty West, Office of Public Assistance
Jesse Lohse, Rocky Mountain Truss Co.
Deb Morris, Marcus Daly Mem. Hospital
Vickie Steele, Bitterroot JSWC
Skip Rosenthal, Ravalli County

Guest: Rich Bechtel, Bitterroot Job Service Workforce Center

Introductions: Introductions were made with business affiliations.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie noted the JSEC account balance as \$3,029.78 and the report was accepted by the committee.

Job Service Update: Patti reported that we have replaced two employment consultant positions with Dani Smith and Ameer Squires and they both are doing a great job. We are fortunate to have a temporary employee named Rich Bechtel who has been a great asset to our office. We also have an intern named Dakota Groves from Trapper Creek Job Corps Center working at the front desk and he has made a positive difference in our office. Patti said that we are changing how we provide services to job seekers; letting them use our computers & resources; presenting workshops on soft skills for those who need it; and structuring this with assistance to employers, including employment consultants showing them how to best utilize the employer side of the MontanaWorks system.

Employer Appreciation Night: Vickie Steele informed the group that we are hosting an Employer Appreciation Night on Tuesday, October 9th from 5:00-7:00 pm. The event theme is Italian and staff is preparing an Italian menu for our guests. We will be giving a tour of the facility and an opportunity to meet staff. We are all excited that Pat Hulla (our Region 1 Director), Ingrid Childress, Gary Warren and Andy Lublin will be visiting.

Vickie reported that she has been in contact with the ***WaterColor Computer Training*** in Missoula and she distributed a copy of an email listing proposed courses. She informed the committee that this is a huge opportunity for local computer training. This computer training provider brings laptops with them and they are seeking a host site. Vickie said that through our programs participant training might be available. Vickie welcomed suggestions as to a host site.

Mission Statement: Becky distributed the draft mission statement for review. There was a group discussion and the following was suggested:

"The Bitterroot JSEC exists to promote collaboration between the Job Service and Ravalli County employers."

A motion passed for members to consider this statement and vote on it at the next meeting. Kathleen will wait a week and email this draft mission statement to members.

Domestic Violence in the Workplace: Patti informed the committee how domestic violence affects the workplace and liability issues involved. Johnny Lee is the presenter of this seminar on "Domestic Violence in the Workplace" scheduled for October 11th. There was consensus to donate \$100 to S.A.F.E. to help support this event.

Seminars: A motion passed for Kathleen to check with Pat Boles, with the Department of Administration, for his availability to present a seminar on the topic of IT Security and Identity Theft targeting February dates.

Julie reported that Don Collins with the Missoula Childrens Theatre spearheads the "Little Red Truck" program getting the message to kids about science and engineering. A motion passed for him to be our guest speaker for the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

